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HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR GOATS  
IMPORTED INTO VENEZUELA FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and consignee, and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease and goat pox.
2. The United States has been free of contagious caprine pleuropneumonia caused by *Mycoplasma mycoides* var. *capri* and *Mycoplasma mycoides* strain F-38 for the 12 months prior to embarkation.
3. No clinical cases of rickettsia, caprine arthritis encephalitis (CAE), Q-fever, or contagious ecthyma (pustular dermatitis) have been reported to occur on the farm of origin during the past 12 months.
4. The animals to be exported are not affected with or have not been exposed to scrapie nor have been on any farm which was a source flock premises. The animals are not the sires or dams or full or half sisters or brothers of any animal affected with scrapie.
5. The animals to be exported originate from a state where *Brucella melitensis* has not been diagnosed within the 12 months before embarkation. (See Other Information #2).
6. (a) The animals were vaccinated for anthrax within 10 months prior to shipment with \_\_\_\_\_ (name of vaccine) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).  
  
or  
  
(b) The animals originate from an area (county and all adjacent counties) where anthrax has not occurred for the past 2 years.
7. The animals were treated for endoparasites and ectoparasites within 30 days of embarkation using \_\_\_\_\_ (name of products) on \_\_\_\_\_ (dates).
8. The animals will be transported to the port of embarkation in cleaned and disinfected vehicles.

- The animals were isolated in an approved USDA export isolation facility from the start of testing to embarkation.

## TEST REQUIREMENTS

1. Tuberculosis: negative to intradermal tuberculin test using bovine PPD tuberculin within 60 days of embarkation
2. Paratuberculosis: negative to intradermal johnin test using johnin within 60 days of embarkation
3. Brucellosis: a. Brucella abortus: negative to plate agglutination test\* at 1:25 dilution for brucella abortus within 30 days of embarkation (See Other Information #2)

\* The National Veterinary Services Laboratories no longer perform the standard tube test for *Brucella melitensis*.”

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|    | b. | Brucella ovis:                  | Complement fixation test with less than 2+ reaction at a 1:20 dilution within 30 days of embarkation   |
| 4. |    | Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis: | Agar-gel immunodiffusion test within 30 days embarkation   |
| 5. |    | Leptospirosis:                  | negative at 1:100 dilution by microtiter agglutination test for L. pomona, L. icterohemorrhagiae, L. grippityphosa, L. canicola, and L. hardjo, within 30 days of embarkation OR: certification that the animals on _____ (date) were vaccinated with _____ (name of product) a bacterin for the 5 types of leptospira named at least 15 days and no more than 60 days prior to embarkation. |
| 6. |    | Trichomoniasis:                 | negative to direct examination of prepuce wash within 30 days of embarkation   |

## OTHER INFORMATION

1. Animals will be quarantined 30 days on arrival in Venezuela and may be retested.
2. If *Brucella melitensis* has been diagnosed in the state of origin of the export animals within 12 months of embarkation, a card test and complement-fixation (CF) test are necessary using *B. abortus* antigens. The card test must be negative and the CF test must

have no reaction at a 1:5 dilution. If the tests are conducted Statement No. 5 should not be utilized.

#### EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the Origin Health Certificate the "Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals" (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found to be free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.